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SUBJ: KOSYGIN TRIP TO TURKEY

1. EVEN THOUGH THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO TURKEY IS POLITICALLY FAIRLY THIN GRUEL, SEVERAL POINTS ABOUT THE VISIT MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST.

2. THE REFERENCE TO A "POLITICAL DOCUMENT" TO BE SIGNED "IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT A HIGH LEVEL" IS INTRIGUING, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD ANY RUMORS WHICH WOULD SHED MORE LIGHT ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT; CONCEIVABLY, FINISHING THE DOCUMENT AND FIXING THE DATE FOR PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S VISIT ARE INTERRELATED.

3. THE SOVIETS WERE ABLE TO PUT BREZHNEV'S WARSAW REFERENCES TO ALL-EUROPEAN DISCUSSION OF BASKET II-TYPE TOPICS INTO AN OFFICIAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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4. THE FORMULATION CONCERNING A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFORMS WITH MOSCOW'S OCCASIONAL PRACTICE IN RECENT WEEKS WHEREBY THE POINTS RE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE 67 BORDERS AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ARE INCLUDED, BUT THE PROVISION FOR GUARANTEE OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES OF THE REGION IS DROPPED. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING THAT THE REFERENCE TO PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA IS BLURRED BY OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO SUCH PARTICIPATION "FROM THE BEGINNING" OR "ON AN EQUAL BASIS" AS OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

5. THE VAGUE LANGUAGE ON CYPRUS ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE PARTIES MAY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON MORE PRECISE FORMULATIONS.

6. THE LANGUAGE ON THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS NOVEL IN RECENT SOVIET COMMUNIQUE, AND IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO LEARN WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED, AS AN INDEX OF CURRENT SOVIET ATTITUDES.

7. ONE FINAL ODDITY: SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE HAS NOT INDICATED THAT DOSYGIN WAS SEEN OFF OR WELCOMED BACK TO THE USSR BY ANY OF HIS LEADERSHIP COLLEAGUES, A RARE OMISSION IN SOVIET PRACTICE.
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